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LB 515, 575, 634, 754, 754A, 1055, 1114, 1189
1190, 1273, 1273A, 1276, 1304, 1321
LR 463

today is getting close to the last time when they could be addressed, so we will be switching to those. Mr. Clerk, in the meantime, before we do that, do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Enrollment and Review reports Legislative Bill 515, 575, 754, 754A, 1055, 1273, 1273A, 1276, 1304, and 1321 as correctly engrossed. Resolution, LR 463, by Senator Crosby. (Read brief summary.) That'll be laid over. Senator Bohlke, amendments to 634; Senator Vrtiska to 1189; Senator Warner, McKenzie, Wehrbein, Lindsay to 1189; Senator Beutler to 1114. (See pages 1719-28 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, 1190 was a bill introduced by Senator Withem at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill has been discussed. The committee amendments have been presented as offered by the Appropriations Committee. There were amendments offered and considered to the Appropriations Committee amendments. I have other amendments pending to the Appropriations Committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, let me give you about two minutes to tell us about the committee amendments and then we'll go to the amendments to those.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. Senator Withem and Mr. Speaker and the body, this is amendment, the so-called millennium issue where we have our software problem with the computers going into the year 2000. We have the committee amendments, which we are presently in the process of debating. They were amended, so the amendments now, which were 3412, have become the main bill. We are in a process of having some amendments to the committee amendments. In this case at this point I think we've come to some agreement on the proposed amendment. I'm uncertain at this point where its status is in those that are filed and I will take those up as they come. There are some concerns about the oversight of the Legislature having a public hearing prior to a contract being signed with an outside vendor and some other things that I will go into when it's appropriate as amendments are filed. But we have been making the case for the need for the millennium software change over the next three years. It's imperative that we start as soon as we can, hopefully July or August, so that we'll be ready when December 31, 1999,